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**From:** PSCSC Communications  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 23, 2021 11:05 AM  
**To:** Duke, Daphne; Latimer, Becky  
**Subject:** FW: [External] Dominion Energy Solar Tariff

Ms. Bengtsson would like her comments added to the Docket.

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**From:** Ashley Bengtsson  
**Sent:** Monday, March 22, 2021 4:27 PM  
**To:** PSCSC Communications <communications@psc.sc.gov>  
**Subject:** [External] Dominion Energy Solar Tariff

Hi,

My name is Ashley Bengtsson. I live at [REDACTED] Mount Pleasant, SC. I am unable to attend the virtual meeting regarding the Dominion Energy Solar Tariff but would like to voice my objection to the proposal. Please see below:

**POINT I**

In Section 58-41-05 The Energy Freedom Act specifically instructs the PSC by saying, "The [Public Service] Commission is directed to address all renewable energy issues in a fair and balanced manner, considering the cost and benefits to all customers of all programs and tariffs that relate to renewable energy and energy storage, both as part of the utility's power system and as direct investments by customer for their own energy needs and renewable goals."

The Tariff by Dominion is neither fair nor balanced because the imposed fees will make it more expensive to be a solar producer than to not. In addition to violating all of our rights, this tariff will also be eliminating access for financially disadvantaged community members from utilizing the cost saving aspect of switching to a renewable energy option.

**POINT II**

Remind the PSC that the Energy Freedom Act says, "Any decisions by the (Public Service) Commission shall be just and reasonable to the ratepayers of the electrical utility, in the public interest... and nondiscriminatory to small power producers [residential solar customers]."

**POINT III**

The Energy Freedom Act says, "Every customer of an electrical utility has the right to a rate schedule that offer the customer a REASONABLE opportunity to employ such energy and cost saving measures...in order to reduce consumption of electricity from the electrical utility's grid and to REDUCE electrical utility costs".

Reasonable can be defined as appropriate or fair; moderate. If a Reasonable opportunity must exist than the proposed Tariff is NOT REASONABLE by any means. The Tariff will add roughly \$650 in new mandatory solar fees to residential customers who want to go solar.

**POINT IV**

There is almost NO COST to Dominion Energy for a solar customer to be connected, therefore there is no cost to be subsidized by non-solar customers. Non-solar customers remain unharmed by solar customers. In recent testimony by a Dominion Energy Representative, the average cost to the utility for solar customers is less than \$1.40 per month per

customer. The Representative went on to say that the low cost of solar producers to the grid does not warrant a rate hike for their customers.

POINT V

The lost revenue Dominion is trying to avoid goes directly against the Energy Freedom Act which says, "Electric Utilities are PROHIBITED from recovering lost revenues associated with customer generators who apply for customer generator programs..."

POINT VI

The proposed tariff is an attempt to achieve a state sanctioned transfer of my capital investment to a publicly traded monopoly, i.e. I have made a significant capital investment to improve the environment and provide a portion of my own energy, but Dominion is asking the state to mandate a tariff so that Dominion may recover any lost revenue via higher fees, therefore their lost revenues are recovered by my capital investment with no possibility of recovery.

Please let me know if there is another platform that will allow us to voice our objections in the future.

Thanks,

Ashley Bengtsson